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SUBJ: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1975

FOR BREMER AND COVEY FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S RESPONSES AT
TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING:

1. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON TURKEY MILITARY AID -- ADMINI-
STRATION OFFICIALS ARE WORKING WITH SENATORS WHO ARE INTER-
ESTED IN FINDING A LEGISLATIVE REMEDY, BUT FORM OF REMEDY
IS STILL UNCLEAR. WE HAVE NO VOTE COUNT BUT HOPE FOR POSI-
TIVE ACTION. AS TO WHETHER WE ARE SIMPLY ATTEMPTING TO SHOW
TURKS WE ARE TRYING OR WHETHER WE HAVE REAL HOPES, THE
PRESIDENT HAS STATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE RAPID ACTION ON
THE HILL.

2. OAS ACTION ON CUBA -- THE OAS DECISION FREES EACH COUNTRY
TO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH CUBA.
WE ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW CUBA WILL INTERPRET OAS DECISION
AND WHETHER HER ATTITUDE WILL CHANGE. ASPRESIDENTAND
SECRETARY HAVE SAID, WE ARE READY TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS
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PRIVATE TALKS WITH CUBA ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. WE
CANNOT SAY WHO MIGHT MAKE FIRST MOVE, BUT WE WOULD RULE OUT
ANY UNILATERAL U.S. SUSPENSION OF THE TRADE EMBARGO WHICH

WOULD BE ONE OF LARGE NUMBER OF ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION.

3. STEPS TO CONVEY U.S. POSITION ON CONSEQUENCES OF UN
ISRAEL EXPULSION -- SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH TEXT WENT
TO ALL POSTS. WE CANNOT SAY WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONVEYED
TO EACH GOVERNMENT BUT MOST FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE
AWARE OF OUR POSITION. INGERSOLL

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